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To provide a biennial budget for the United States Government.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. WHITFIELD (for himself and Mr. JONES of North Carolina) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Budget, and in addition to the Committees on Rules and Oversight and Government Reform, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

To provide a biennial budget for the United States
Government.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; FINDINGS.**

4 (a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the
5 “Biennial Budgeting Act of 2008”.

6 (b) FINDINGS.—The Congress finds that—

7 (1) the annual appropriations and budget proc-
8 ess increasingly dominates the congressional agenda

1 and Congress regularly fails to meet the deadlines of
2 the Congressional Budget Act of 1974;

3 (2) the design of the budget process has led to
4 repetitive and time-consuming budget votes, decreas-
5 ing the time available for the systematic and pro-
6 grammatic oversight of Federal programs and delay-
7 ing the enactment of legislation necessary to fund
8 the Government;

9 (3) Congress's responsibility to improve the effi-
10 ciency, economy, and effectiveness of governmental
11 operations, evaluate programs and performance, de-
12 tect and prevent poor administration, waste, or
13 abuse in Government programs, ensure that execu-
14 tive policies reflect the public interest, ensure admin-
15 istrative compliance with legislative intent, and pre-
16 vent executive encroachment on legislative authority
17 and prerogatives is undermined by the current time-
18 consuming and repetitive budget process;

19 (4) an annual budget process encourages ineffi-
20 ciency in the management, stability, and predict-
21 ability of Federal funding, particularly for States
22 and localities; and

23 (5) a biennial budget process will reduce the
24 number of budget-related votes during each Con-
25 gress, enhance congressional oversight of Govern-

4 Section 300 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974
5 (2 U.S.C. 631) is amended to read as follows:

7 “SEC. 300. (a) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided by
8 subsection (b), the timetable with respect to the congres-
9 sional budget process for any Congress (beginning with
10 the One Hundred Twelfth Congress) is as follows:

11 “(b) SPECIAL RULE.—In the case of any first session
12 of Congress that begins in any year during which the term

1 of a President (except a President who succeeds himself)
 2 begins, the following dates shall supersede those set forth
 3 in subsection (a):

	“First Session
“On or before:	Action to be completed:
First Monday in April	President submits budget recommendations.
April 20	Committees submit views and estimates to Budget Committees.
May 15	Budget Committees report concurrent resolution on the biennial budget.
June 1	Congress completes action on concurrent resolution on the biennial budget.
June 1	Biennial appropriation bills may be considered in the House.
July 1	House Appropriations Committee reports last biennial appropriation bill.
July 20	House completes action on biennial appropriation bills.
October 1	Biennium begins.”.

4 **SEC. 3. AMENDMENTS TO THE CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET**
 5 **AND IMPOUNDMENT CONTROL ACT OF 1974.**

6 (a) DECLARATION OF PURPOSE.—Section 2(2) of the
 7 Congressional Budget and Impoundment Control Act of
 8 1974 (2 U.S.C. 621(2)) is amended by striking “each
 9 year” and inserting “biennially”.

10 (b) DEFINITIONS.—

11 (1) BUDGET RESOLUTION.—Section 3(4) of
 12 such Act (2 U.S.C. 622(4)) is amended by striking
 13 “fiscal year” each place it appears and inserting “bi-
 14 ennium”.

15 (2) BIENNIUM.—Section 3 of such Act (2
 16 U.S.C. 622) is amended by adding at the end the
 17 following new paragraph:

1 “(11) The term ‘biennium’ means the period of
2 2 consecutive fiscal years beginning on October 1 of
3 any odd-numbered year.”.

4 (c) BIENNIAL CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ON THE
5 BUDGET.—

6 (1) CONTENTS OF RESOLUTION.—Section
7 301(a) of such Act (2 U.S.C. 632(a)) is amended—

8 (A) in the matter preceding paragraph (1)
9 by—

10 (i) striking “April 15 of each year”
11 and inserting “May 15 of each odd-num-
12 bered year”;

13 (ii) striking “the fiscal year beginning
14 on October 1 of such year” the first place
15 it appears and inserting “the biennium be-
16 ginning on October 1 of such year”; and

17 (iii) striking “the fiscal year beginning
18 on October 1 of such year” the second
19 place it appears and inserting “each fiscal
20 year in such period”;

21 (B) in paragraph (6), by striking “for the
22 fiscal year” and inserting “for each fiscal year
23 in the biennium”; and

1 (C) in paragraph (7), by striking “for the
2 fiscal year” and inserting “for each fiscal year
3 in the biennium”.

4 (2) ADDITIONAL MATTERS.—Section 301(b) of
5 such Act (2 U.S.C. 632(b)) is amended—

6 (A) in paragraph (3), by striking “for such
7 fiscal year” and inserting “for either fiscal year
8 in such biennium”; and

9 (B) in paragraph (7), by striking “for the
10 first fiscal year” and inserting “for each fiscal
11 year in the biennium”.

12 (3) VIEWS OF OTHER COMMITTEES.—Section
13 301(d) of such Act (2 U.S.C. 632(d)) is amended by
14 inserting “(or, if applicable, as provided by section
15 300(b))” after “United States Code”.

16 (4) HEARINGS.—Section 301(e)(1) of such Act
17 (2 U.S.C. 632(e)) is amended by—

18 (A) striking “fiscal year” and inserting
19 “biennium”; and

20 (B) inserting after the second sentence the
21 following: “On or before April 1 of each odd-
22 numbered year (or, if applicable, as provided by
23 section 300(b)), the Committee on the Budget
24 of each House shall report to its House the con-
25 current resolution on the budget referred to in

1 subsection (a) for the biennium beginning on
 2 October 1 of that year.”.

3 (5) GOALS FOR REDUCING UNEMPLOYMENT.—
 4 Section 301(f) of such Act (2 U.S.C. 632(f)) is
 5 amended by striking “fiscal year” each place it ap-
 6 pears and inserting “biennium”.

7 (6) ECONOMIC ASSUMPTIONS.—Section
 8 301(g)(1) of such Act (2 U.S.C. 632(g)(1)) is
 9 amended by striking “for a fiscal year” and insert-
 10 ing “for a biennium”.

11 (7) SECTION HEADING.—The section heading of
 12 section 301 of such Act is amended by striking “**AN-**
 13 **NUAL**” and inserting “**BIENNIAL**”.

14 (8) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The item relating
 15 to section 301 in the table of contents set forth in
 16 section 1(b) of such Act is amended by striking “An-
 17 nual” and inserting “Biennial”.

18 (d) COMMITTEE ALLOCATIONS.—Section 302 of such
 19 Act (2 U.S.C. 633) is amended—

20 (1) in subsection (a)(1) by—

21 (A) striking “for the first fiscal year of the
 22 resolution,” and inserting “for each fiscal year
 23 in the biennium,”;

1 (B) striking “for that period of fiscal
2 years” and inserting “for all fiscal years cov-
3 ered by the resolution”; and

4 (C) striking “for the fiscal year of that
5 resolution” and inserting “for each fiscal year
6 in the biennium”;

7 (2) in subsection (f)(1), by striking “for a fiscal
8 year” and inserting “for a biennium”;

9 (3) in subsection (f)(1), by striking “first fiscal
10 year” and inserting “either fiscal year of the bien-
11 nium”;

12 (4) in subsection (f)(2)(A), by—

13 (A) striking “first fiscal year” and insert-
14 ing “each fiscal year of the biennium”; and

15 (B) striking “the total of fiscal years” and
16 inserting “the total of all fiscal years covered by
17 the resolution”; and

18 (5) in subsection (g)(1)(A), by striking “April”
19 and inserting “May”.

20 (e) SECTION 303 POINT OF ORDER.—

21 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 303(a) of such Act
22 (2 U.S.C. 634(a)) is amended by striking “for a fis-
23 cal year” and inserting “for a biennium” and by
24 striking “the first fiscal year” and inserting “each
25 fiscal year of the biennium”.

1 (2) EXCEPTIONS IN THE HOUSE.—Section
2 303(b) of such Act (2 U.S.C. 634(b)) is amended—

3 (A) in paragraph (1)(A), by striking “the
4 budget year” and inserting “the biennium”;

5 (B) in paragraph (1)(B), by striking “the
6 fiscal year” and inserting “the biennium”; and

7 (C) in paragraph (2), by inserting “(or
8 June 1 whenever section 300(b) is applicable)”.

9 (3) APPLICATION TO THE SENATE.—Section
10 303(c)(1) of such Act (2 U.S.C. 634(c)) is amended
11 by—

12 (A) striking “fiscal year” and inserting
13 “biennium”; and

14 (B) striking “that year” and inserting
15 “each fiscal year of that biennium”.

16 (f) PERMISSIBLE REVISIONS OF CONCURRENT RESO-
17 LUTIONS ON THE BUDGET.—Section 304 of such Act (2
18 U.S.C. 635) is amended—

19 (1) by striking “fiscal year” the first two places
20 it appears and inserting “biennium”;

21 (2) by striking “for such fiscal year”; and

22 (3) by inserting before the period “for such bi-
23 ennium”.

24 (g) PROCEDURES FOR CONSIDERATION OF BUDGET
25 RESOLUTIONS.—Section 305(a)(3) of such Act (2 U.S.C.

1 636(b)(3)) is amended by striking “fiscal year” and in-
2 serting “biennium”.

3 (h) COMPLETION OF HOUSE COMMITTEE ACTION ON
4 APPROPRIATION BILLS.—Section 307 of such Act (2
5 U.S.C. 638) is amended—

6 (1) by striking “each year” and inserting “each
7 odd-numbered year (or, if applicable, as provided by
8 section 300(b), July 1)”;

9 (2) by striking “annual” and inserting “bien-
10 nial”;

11 (3) by striking “fiscal year” and inserting “bi-
12 ennium”; and

13 (4) by striking “that year” and inserting “each
14 odd-numbered year”.

15 (i) QUARTERLY BUDGET REPORTS.—Section 308 of
16 such Act (2 U.S.C. 639) is amended by adding at the end
17 the following new subsection:

18 “(d) QUARTERLY BUDGET REPORTS.—The Director
19 of the Congressional Budget Office shall, as soon as prac-
20 ticable after the completion of each quarter of the fiscal
21 year, prepare an analysis comparing revenues, spending,
22 and the deficit or surplus for the current fiscal year to
23 assumptions included in the congressional budget resolu-
24 tion. In preparing this report, the Director of the Congres-
25 sional Budget Office shall combine actual budget figures

1 to date with projected revenue and spending for the bal-
2 ance of the fiscal year. The Director of the Congressional
3 Budget Office shall include any other information in this
4 report that it deems useful for a full understanding of the
5 current fiscal position of the Federal Government. The re-
6 ports mandated by this subsection shall be transmitted by
7 the Director to the Senate and House Committees on the
8 Budget, and the Congressional Budget Office shall make
9 such reports available to any interested party upon re-
10 quest.”.

11 (j) COMPLETION OF HOUSE ACTION ON REGULAR
12 APPROPRIATION BILLS.—Section 309 of such Act (2
13 U.S.C. 640) is amended—

14 (1) by striking “It” and inserting “Except
15 whenever section 300(b) is applicable, it”;

16 (2) by inserting “of any odd-numbered calendar
17 year” after “July”;

18 (3) by striking “annual” and inserting “bien-
19 nial”; and

20 (4) by striking “fiscal year” and inserting “bi-
21 ennium”.

22 (k) RECONCILIATION PROCESS.—Section 310 of such
23 Act (2 U.S.C. 641) is amended—

1 (1) in subsection (a), in the matter preceding
2 paragraph (1), by striking “any fiscal year” and in-
3 serting “any biennium”;

4 (2) in subsection (a)(1), by striking “such fiscal
5 year” each place it appears and inserting “any fiscal
6 year covered by such resolution”; and

7 (3) by striking subsection (f) and redesignating
8 subsection (g) as subsection (f).

9 (l) SECTION 311 POINT OF ORDER.—

10 (1) IN THE HOUSE.—Section 311(a)(1) of such
11 Act (2 U.S.C. 642(a)) is amended—

12 (A) by striking “for a fiscal year” and in-
13 serting “for a biennium”;

14 (B) by striking “the first fiscal year” each
15 place it appears and inserting “either fiscal
16 year of the biennium”; and

17 (C) by striking “that first fiscal year” and
18 inserting “each fiscal year in the biennium”.

19 (2) IN THE SENATE.—Section 311(a)(2) of
20 such Act is amended—

21 (A) in subparagraph (A), by striking “for
22 the first fiscal year” and inserting “for either
23 fiscal year of the biennium”; and

24 (B) in subparagraph (B)—

1 (i) by striking “that first fiscal year”
 2 the first place it appears and inserting
 3 “each fiscal year in the biennium”; and
 4 (ii) by striking “that first fiscal year
 5 and the ensuing fiscal years” and inserting
 6 “all fiscal years”.

7 (3) SOCIAL SECURITY LEVELS.—Section
 8 311(a)(3) of such Act is amended by—

9 (A) striking “for the first fiscal year” and
 10 inserting “each fiscal year in the biennium”;
 11 and

12 (B) striking “that fiscal year and the ensu-
 13 ing fiscal years” and inserting “all fiscal
 14 years”.

15 (m) MAXIMUM DEFICIT AMOUNT POINT OF
 16 ORDER.—Section 312(c) of the Congressional Budget Act
 17 of 1974 (2 U.S.C. 643) is amended—

18 (1) by striking “for a fiscal year” and inserting
 19 “for a biennium”;

20 (2) in paragraph (1), by striking “first fiscal
 21 year” and inserting “either fiscal year in the bien-
 22 nium”;

23 (3) in paragraph (2), by striking “that fiscal
 24 year” and inserting “either fiscal year in the bien-
 25 nium”; and

1 (4) in the matter following paragraph (2), by
2 striking “that fiscal year” and inserting “the appli-
3 cable fiscal year”.

4 **SEC. 4. AMENDMENTS TO RULES OF HOUSE OF REP-**
5 **RESENTATIVES.**

6 (a) Clause 4(a)(1)(A) of rule X of the Rules of the
7 House of Representatives is amended by inserting “odd-
8 numbered” after “each”.

9 (b) Clause 4(a)(4) of rule X of the Rules of the House
10 of Representatives is amended by striking “fiscal year”
11 and inserting “biennium”.

12 (c) Clause 4(b)(2) of rule X of the Rules of the House
13 of Representatives is amended by striking “each fiscal
14 year” and inserting “the biennium”.

15 (d) Clause 4(b) of rule X of the Rules of the House
16 of Representatives is amended by striking “and” at the
17 end of subparagraph (5), by striking the period and insert-
18 ing “; and” at the end of subparagraph (6), and by adding
19 at the end the following new subparagraph:

20 “(7) use the second session of each Congress to study
21 issues with long-term budgetary and economic implica-
22 tions, which would include—

23 “(A) hold hearings to receive testimony from
24 committees of jurisdiction to identify problem areas
25 and to report on the results of oversight; and

1 “(B) by January 1 of each odd-number year,
2 issuing a report to the Speaker which identifies the
3 key issues facing the Congress in the next bien-
4 nium.”.

5 (e) Clause 11(i) of rule X of the Rules of the House
6 of Representatives is amended by striking “the same or
7 preceding fiscal year”.

8 (f) Clause 4(e) of rule X of the Rules of the House
9 of Representatives is amended by striking “annually” each
10 place it appears and inserting “biennially” and by striking
11 “annual” and inserting “biennial”.

12 (g) Clause 4(f) of rule X of the Rules of the House
13 of Representatives is amended—

14 (1) by inserting “during each odd-numbered
15 year” after “submits his budget”;

16 (2) by striking “fiscal year” the first place it
17 appears and inserting “biennium”; and

18 (3) by striking “that fiscal year” and inserting
19 “each fiscal year in such ensuing biennium”.

20 (h) Clause 3(d)(2)(A) of rule XIII of the Rules of
21 the House of Representatives is amended by striking
22 “five” both places it appears and inserting “six”.

23 (i) Clause 5(a)(1) of rule XIII of the Rules of the
24 House of Representatives is amended by striking “fiscal
25 year after September 15 in the preceding fiscal year” and

1 inserting “biennium after September 15 of the year in
2 which such biennium begins”.

3 **SEC. 5. AMENDMENTS TO TITLE 31, UNITED STATES CODE.**

4 (a) DEFINITION.—Section 1101 of title 31, United
5 States Code, is amended by adding at the end thereof the
6 following new paragraph:

7 “(3) ‘biennium’ has the meaning given to such
8 term in paragraph (11) of section 3 of the Congres-
9 sional Budget and Impoundment Control Act of
10 1974 (2 U.S.C. 622(11)).”.

11 (b) BUDGET CONTENTS AND SUBMISSION TO THE
12 CONGRESS.—

13 (1) SCHEDULE.—The matter preceding para-
14 graph (1) in section 1105(a) of title 31, United
15 States Code, is amended to read as follows:

16 “(a) On or before the first Monday in February of
17 each odd-numbered year (or, if applicable, as provided by
18 section 300(b) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974),
19 beginning with the One Hundred Twelfth Congress, the
20 President shall transmit to the Congress, the budget for
21 the biennium beginning on October 1 of such calendar
22 year. The budget transmitted under this subsection shall
23 include a budget message and summary and supporting
24 information. The President shall include in each budget
25 the following:”.

1 (2) EXPENDITURES.—Section 1105(a)(5) of
2 title 31, United States Code, is amended by striking
3 “the fiscal year for which the budget is submitted
4 and the 4 fiscal years after that year” and inserting
5 “each fiscal year in the biennium for which the
6 budget is submitted and in the succeeding 4 years”.

7 (3) RECEIPTS.—Section 1105(a)(6) of title 31,
8 United States Code, is amended by striking “the fis-
9 cal year for which the budget is submitted and the
10 4 fiscal years after that year” and inserting “each
11 fiscal year in the biennium for which the budget is
12 submitted and in the succeeding 4 years”.

13 (4) BALANCE STATEMENTS.—Section
14 1105(a)(9)(C) of title 31, United States Code, is
15 amended by striking “the fiscal year” and inserting
16 “each fiscal year in the biennium”.

17 (5) GOVERNMENT FUNCTIONS AND ACTIVI-
18 TIES.—Section 1105(a)(12) of title 31, United
19 States Code, is amended in subparagraph (A), by
20 striking “the fiscal year” and inserting “each fiscal
21 year in the biennium”.

22 (6) ALLOWANCES.—Section 1105(a)(13) of title
23 31, United States Code, is amended by striking “the
24 fiscal year” and inserting “each fiscal year in the bi-
25 ennium”.

1 (7) ALLOWANCES FOR UNANTICIPATED AND
2 UNCONTROLLABLE EXPENDITURES.—Section
3 1105(a)(14) of title 31, United States Code, is
4 amended by striking “that year” and inserting “each
5 fiscal year in the biennium for which the budget is
6 submitted”.

7 (8) TAX EXPENDITURES.—Section 1105(a)(16)
8 of title 31, United States Code, is amended by strik-
9 ing “the fiscal year” and inserting “each fiscal year
10 in the biennium”.

11 (9) ESTIMATES FOR FUTURE YEARS.—Section
12 1105(a)(17) of title 31, United States Code, is
13 amended—

14 (A) by striking “the fiscal year following
15 the fiscal year” and inserting “each fiscal year
16 in the biennium following the biennium”;

17 (B) by striking “that following fiscal year”
18 and inserting “each such fiscal year”; and

19 (C) by striking “fiscal year before the fis-
20 cal year” and inserting “biennium before the bi-
21 ennium”.

22 (10) PRIOR YEAR OUTLAYS.—Section
23 1105(a)(18) of title 31, United States Code, is
24 amended—

1 (A) by striking “the prior fiscal year” and
2 inserting “each of the 2 most recently com-
3 pleted fiscal years,”;

4 (B) by striking “for that year” and insert-
5 ing “with respect to those fiscal years”; and

6 (C) by striking “in that year” and insert-
7 ing “in those fiscal years”.

8 (11) PRIOR YEAR RECEIPTS.—Section
9 1105(a)(19) of title 31, United States Code, is
10 amended—

11 (A) by striking “the prior fiscal year” and
12 inserting “each of the 2 most recently com-
13 pleted fiscal years”;

14 (B) by striking “for that year” and insert-
15 ing “with respect to those fiscal years”; and

16 (C) by striking “in that year” each place
17 it appears and inserting “in those fiscal years”.

18 (c) ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES OF LEGISLATIVE
19 AND JUDICIAL BRANCHES.—Section 1105(b) of title 31,
20 United States Code, is amended by striking “each year”
21 and inserting “each even numbered year”.

22 (d) RECOMMENDATIONS TO MEET ESTIMATED DE-
23 FICIENCIES.—Section 1105(c) of title 31, United States
24 Code, is amended—

1 (1) by striking “the fiscal year for” the first
 2 place it appears and inserting “each fiscal year in
 3 the biennium for”;

4 (2) by striking “the fiscal year for” the second
 5 place it appears and inserting “each fiscal year of
 6 the biennium, as the case may be,”; and

7 (3) by striking “that year” and inserting “for
 8 each year of the biennium”.

9 (e) CAPITAL INVESTMENT ANALYSIS.—Section
 10 1105(e)(1) of title 31, United States Code, is amended
 11 by striking “ensuing fiscal year” and inserting “biennium
 12 to which such budget relates”.

13 (f) SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET ESTIMATES AND
 14 CHANGES.—

15 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 1106(a) of title 31,
 16 United States Code, is amended—

17 (A) in the matter preceding paragraph (1),
 18 by—

19 (i) inserting “and before February 15
 20 of each even numbered year” after “Before
 21 July 16 of each year”; and

22 (ii) striking “fiscal year” and insert-
 23 ing “biennium”;

1 (B) in paragraph (1), by striking “that fis-
2 cal year” and inserting “each fiscal year in
3 such biennium”;

4 (C) in paragraph (2), by striking “4 fiscal
5 years following the fiscal year” and inserting “4
6 fiscal years following the biennium”; and

7 (D) in paragraph (3), by striking “fiscal
8 year” and inserting “biennium”.

9 (2) CHANGES.—Section 1106(b) of title 31,
10 United States Code, is amended by—

11 (A) striking “the fiscal year” and inserting
12 “each fiscal year in the biennium”; and

13 (B) inserting “and before February 15 of
14 each even numbered year” after “Before July
15 16 of each year”.

16 (g) CURRENT PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES ESTI-
17 MATES.—

18 (1) THE PRESIDENT.—Section 1109(a) of title
19 31, United States Code, is amended—

20 (A) by striking “On or before the first
21 Monday after January 3 of each year (on or be-
22 fore February 5 in 1986)” and inserting “At
23 the same time the budget required by section
24 1105 is submitted for a biennium”; and

1 (B) by striking “the following fiscal year”
 2 and inserting “each fiscal year of such period”.

3 (2) JOINT ECONOMIC COMMITTEE.—Section
 4 1109(b) of title 31, United States Code, is amended
 5 by striking “March 1 of each year” and inserting
 6 “within 6 weeks of the President’s budget submis-
 7 sion for each odd-numbered year (or, if applicable,
 8 as provided by section 300(b) of the Congressional
 9 Budget Act of 1974)”.

10 (h) YEAR-AHEAD REQUESTS FOR AUTHORIZING
 11 LEGISLATION.—Section 1110 of title 31, United States
 12 Code, is amended by—

13 (1) striking “May 16” and inserting “March
 14 31”; and

15 (2) striking “year before the year in which the
 16 fiscal year begins” and inserting “calendar year pre-
 17 ceding the calendar year in which the biennium be-
 18 gins”.

19 **SEC. 6. TWO-YEAR APPROPRIATIONS; TITLE AND STYLE OF**
 20 **APPROPRIATIONS ACTS.**

21 Section 105 of title 1, United States Code, is amend-
 22 ed to read as follows:

23 **“§ 105. Title and style of appropriations Acts**

24 “(a) The style and title of all Acts making appropria-
 25 tions for the support of the Government shall be as fol-

1 lows: ‘An Act making appropriations (here insert the ob-
 2 ject) for each fiscal year in the biennium of fiscal years
 3 (here insert the fiscal years of the biennium).’.

4 “(b) All Acts making regular appropriations for the
 5 support of the Government shall be enacted for a biennium
 6 and shall specify the amount of appropriations provided
 7 for each fiscal year in such period.

8 “(c) For purposes of this section, the term ‘biennium’
 9 has the same meaning as in section 3(11) of the Congres-
 10 sional Budget and Impoundment Control Act of 1974 (2
 11 U.S.C. 622(11)).”.

12 **SEC. 7. MULTIYEAR AUTHORIZATIONS.**

13 (a) IN GENERAL.—Title III of the Congressional
 14 Budget Act of 1974 is amended by adding at the end the
 15 following new section:

16 “MULTIYEAR AUTHORIZATIONS OF APPROPRIATIONS

17 “SEC. 316. (a) POINT OF ORDER.—(1)(A) It shall
 18 not be in order in the House of Representatives or the
 19 Senate to consider any measure that contains a specific
 20 authorization of appropriations for any purpose unless the
 21 measure includes such a specific authorization of appro-
 22 priations for that purpose for not less than each fiscal year
 23 in one or more bienniums.

24 “(B) For purposes of this paragraph, a specific au-
 25 thorization of appropriations is an authorization for the
 26 enactment of an amount of appropriations or amounts not

1 to exceed an amount of appropriations (whether stated as
 2 a sum certain, as a limit, or as such sums as may be nec-
 3 essary) for any purpose for a fiscal year.

4 “(2) Paragraph (1) does not apply with respect to
 5 an authorization of appropriations for a single fiscal year
 6 for any program, project, or activity if the measure con-
 7 taining that authorization includes a provision expressly
 8 stating the following: ‘Congress finds that no authoriza-
 9 tion of appropriation will be required for [Insert name of
 10 applicable program, project, or activity] for any subse-
 11 quent fiscal year.’.

12 “(3) For purposes of this subsection, the term ‘meas-
 13 ure’ means a bill, joint resolution, amendment, motion, or
 14 conference report.”.

15 (b) AMENDMENT TO TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The
 16 table of contents set forth in section 1(b) of the Congres-
 17 sional Budget and Impoundment Control Act of 1974 is
 18 amended by adding after the item relating to section 315
 19 the following new item:

“Sec. 316. Multiyear authorizations of appropriations.”.

20 **SEC. 8. GOVERNMENT STRATEGIC AND PERFORMANCE**
 21 **PLANS ON A BIENNIAL BASIS.**

22 (a) STRATEGIC PLANS.—Section 306 of title 5,
 23 United States Code, is amended—

24 (1) in subsection (a), by striking “September
 25 30, 1997” and inserting “September 30, 2010”;

1 (2) in subsection (b)—

2 (A) by striking “at least every three years”

3 and inserting “at least every 4 years”; and

4 (B) by striking “five years forward” and

5 inserting “six years forward”; and

6 (3) in subsection (c), by inserting a comma

7 after “section” the second place it appears and add-

8 ing “including a strategic plan submitted by Sep-

9 tember 30, 2010, meeting the requirements of sub-

10 section (a)”.

11 (b) BUDGET CONTENTS AND SUBMISSION TO CON-

12 GRESS.—Paragraph (28) of section 1105(a) of title 31,

13 United States Code, is amended by striking “beginning

14 with fiscal year 1999, a” and inserting “beginning with

15 fiscal year 2010, a biennial”.

16 (c) PERFORMANCE PLANS.—Section 1115 of title 31,

17 United States Code, is amended—

18 (1) in subsection (a)—

19 (A) in the matter before paragraph (1)—

20 (i) by striking “section 1105(a)(29)”

21 and inserting “section 1105(a)(28)”; and

22 (ii) by striking “an annual” and in-

23 serting “a biennial”;

1 (B) in paragraph (1) by inserting after
2 “program activity” the following: “for both
3 years 1 and 2 of the biennial plan”;

4 (C) in paragraph (5) by striking “and”
5 after the semicolon;

6 (D) in paragraph (6) by striking the period
7 and inserting a semicolon; and inserting “and”
8 after the inserted semicolon; and

9 (E) by adding after paragraph (6) the fol-
10 lowing:

11 “(7) cover each fiscal year of the biennium be-
12 ginning with the first fiscal year of the next biennial
13 budget cycle.”;

14 (2) in subsection (d) by striking “annual” and
15 inserting “biennial”; and

16 (3) in paragraph (6) of subsection (f) by strik-
17 ing “annual” and inserting “biennial”.

18 (d) MANAGERIAL ACCOUNTABILITY AND FLEXI-
19 BILITY.—Section 9703 of title 31, United States Code, re-
20 lating to managerial accountability, is amended—

21 (1) in subsection (a)—

22 (A) in the first sentence by striking “an-
23 nual”; and

24 (B) by striking “section 1105(a)(29)” and
25 inserting “section 1105(a)(28)”;

1 (2) in subsection (e)—

2 (A) in the first sentence by striking “one
3 or” before “years”;

4 (B) in the second sentence by striking “a
5 subsequent year” and inserting “for a subse-
6 quent 2-year period”; and

7 (C) in the third sentence by striking
8 “three” and inserting “four”.

9 (e) PILOT PROJECTS FOR PERFORMANCE BUDG-
10 ETING.—Section 1119 of title 31, United States Code, is
11 amended—

12 (1) in paragraph (1) of subsection (d), by strik-
13 ing “annual” and inserting “biennial”; and

14 (2) in subsection (e), by striking “annual” and
15 inserting “biennial”.

16 (f) STRATEGIC PLANS.—Section 2802 of title 39,
17 United States Code, is amended—

18 (1) in subsection (a), by striking “September
19 30, 1997” and inserting “September 30, 2010”;

20 (2) in subsection (b), by striking “at least every
21 three years” and inserting “at least every 4 years”;

22 (3) by striking “five years forward” and insert-
23 ing “six years forward”; and

24 (4) in subsection (c), by inserting a comma
25 after “section” the second place it appears and in-

1 serting “including a strategic plan submitted by
2 September 30, 2010, meeting the requirements of
3 subsection (a)”.

4 (g) PERFORMANCE PLANS.—Section 2803(a) of title
5 39, United States Code, is amended—

6 (1) in the matter before paragraph (1), by
7 striking “an annual” and inserting “a biennial”;

8 (2) in paragraph (1), by inserting after “pro-
9 gram activity” the following: “for both years 1 and
10 2 of the biennial plan”;

11 (3) in paragraph (5), by striking “and” after
12 the semicolon;

13 (4) in paragraph (6), by striking the period and
14 inserting “; and”; and

15 (5) by adding after paragraph (6) the following:

16 “(7) cover each fiscal year of the biennium be-
17 ginning with the first fiscal year of the next biennial
18 budget cycle.”.

19 (h) COMMITTEE VIEWS OF PLANS AND REPORTS.—
20 Section 301(d) of the Congressional Budget Act (2 U.S.C.
21 632(d)) is amended by adding at the end “Each committee
22 of the Senate or the House of Representatives shall review
23 the strategic plans, performance plans, and performance
24 reports, required under section 306 of title 5, United
25 States Code, and sections 1115 and 1116 of title 31,

1 United States Code, of all agencies under the jurisdiction
2 of the committee. Each committee may provide its views
3 on such plans or reports to the Committee on the Budget
4 of the applicable House.”.

5 (i) EFFECTIVE DATE.—

6 (1) IN GENERAL.—The amendments made by
7 this section shall take effect on March 1, 2011.

8 (2) AGENCY ACTIONS.—Effective on and after
9 the date of enactment of this Act, each agency shall
10 take such actions as necessary to prepare and sub-
11 mit any plan or report in accordance with the
12 amendments made by it.

13 **SEC. 9. BIENNIAL APPROPRIATION BILLS.**

14 (a) IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.—(1)
15 Clause 2(a) of rule XXI of the Rules of the House of Rep-
16 resentatives is amended by adding at the end the following
17 new subparagraph:

18 “(3)(A) Except as provided by subdivision (B), an ap-
19 propriation may not be reported in a general appropriation
20 bill (other than a supplemental appropriation bill), and
21 may not be in order as an amendment thereto, unless it
22 provides new budget authority or establishes a level of ob-
23 ligations under contract authority for each fiscal year of
24 a biennium.

1 “(B) Subdivision (A) does not apply with respect to
 2 an appropriation for a single fiscal year for any program,
 3 project, or activity if the bill or amendment thereto con-
 4 taining that appropriation includes a provision expressly
 5 stating the following: ‘Congress finds that no additional
 6 funding beyond one fiscal year will be required and the
 7 [Insert name of applicable program, project, or activity]
 8 will be completed or terminated after the amount provided
 9 has been expended.’.

10 “(C) For purposes of paragraph (b), the statement
 11 set forth in subdivision (B) with respect to an appropria-
 12 tion for a single fiscal year for any program, project, or
 13 activity may be included in a general appropriation bill
 14 or amendment thereto.”.

15 (2) Clause 5(b)(1) of rule XXII of the House of Rep-
 16 resentatives is amended by striking “or (c)” and inserting
 17 “or (3) or 2(c)”.

18 (b) IN THE SENATE.—(1) Title III of the Congres-
 19 sional Budget Act of 1974 (2 U.S.C. 631 et seq.) is
 20 amended by adding at the end the following:

21 “CONSIDERATION OF BIENNIAL APPROPRIATION BILLS

22 “SEC. 317. It shall not be in order in the Senate in
 23 any odd-numbered year to consider any regular appropria-
 24 tion bill providing new budget authority or a limitation
 25 on obligations under the jurisdiction of the Committee on
 26 Appropriations for only the first fiscal year of a biennium,

1 unless the program, project, or activity for which the new
 2 budget authority or obligation limitation is provided will
 3 require no additional authority beyond one year and will
 4 be completed or terminated after the amount provided has
 5 been expended.”.

6 (2) The table of contents set forth in section 1(b) of
 7 the Congressional Budget and Impoundment Control Act
 8 of 1974 is amended by adding after the item relating to
 9 section 316 the following new item:

“Sec. 317. Consideration of biennial appropriation bills.”.

10 **SEC. 10. ASSISTANCE BY FEDERAL AGENCIES TO STANDING**
 11 **COMMITTEES OF THE SENATE AND THE**
 12 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.**

13 (a) INFORMATION REGARDING AGENCY APPROPRIA-
 14 TIONS REQUESTS.—To assist each standing committee of
 15 the House of Representatives and the Senate in carrying
 16 out its responsibilities, the head of each Federal agency
 17 which administers the laws or parts of laws under the ju-
 18 risdiction of such committee shall provide to such com-
 19 mittee such studies, information, analyses, reports, and
 20 assistance as may be requested by the chairman and rank-
 21 ing minority member of the committee.

22 (b) INFORMATION REGARDING AGENCY PROGRAM
 23 ADMINISTRATION.—To assist each standing committee of
 24 the House of Representatives and the Senate in carrying
 25 out its responsibilities, the head of any agency shall fur-

1 nish to such committee documentation, containing infor-
2 mation received, compiled, or maintained by the agency
3 as part of the operation or administration of a program,
4 or specifically compiled pursuant to a request in support
5 of a review of a program, as may be requested by the
6 chairman and ranking minority member of such com-
7 mittee.

8 (c) SUMMARIES BY COMPTROLLER GENERAL.—With-
9 in thirty days after the receipt of a request from a chair-
10 man and ranking minority member of a standing com-
11 mittee having jurisdiction over a program being reviewed
12 and studied by such committee under this section, the
13 Comptroller General of the United States shall furnish to
14 such committee summaries of any audits or reviews of
15 such program which the Comptroller General has com-
16 pleted during the preceding six years.

17 (d) CONGRESSIONAL ASSISTANCE.—Consistent with
18 their duties and functions under law, the Comptroller Gen-
19 eral of the United States, the Director of the Congres-
20 sional Budget Office, and the Director of the Congres-
21 sional Research Service shall continue to furnish (con-
22 sistent with established protocols) to each standing com-
23 mittee of the House of Representatives or the Senate such
24 information, studies, analyses, and reports as the chair-
25 man and ranking minority member may request to assist

1 the committee in conducting reviews and studies of pro-
2 grams under this section.

3 **SEC. 11. REPORT ON TWO-YEAR FISCAL PERIOD.**

4 Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment
5 of this Act, the Director of the Office of Management and
6 Budget shall—

7 (1) determine the impact and feasibility of
8 changing the definition of a fiscal year and the
9 budget process based on that definition to a 2-year
10 fiscal period with a biennial budget process based on
11 the 2-year period; and

12 (2) report the findings of the study to the Com-
13 mittees on the Budget of the House of Representa-
14 tives and the Senate and the Committee on Rules of
15 the House of Representatives.

16 **SEC. 12. SPECIAL TRANSITION PERIOD FOR THE 110TH**
17 **CONGRESS.**

18 (a) PRESIDENT'S BUDGET SUBMISSION FOR FISCAL
19 YEAR 2010.—The budget submission of the President
20 pursuant to section 1105(a) of title 31, United States
21 Code, for fiscal year 2010 shall include the following:

22 (1) An identification of the budget accounts for
23 which an appropriation should be made for each fis-
24 cal year of the fiscal year 2010–2011 biennium.

1 (2) Budget authority that should be provided
2 for each such fiscal year for the budget accounts
3 identified under paragraph (1).

4 (b) REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COM-
5 MITTEES ON APPROPRIATIONS.—The Committee on Ap-
6 propriations of the House of Representatives and the Sen-
7 ate shall review the items included pursuant to subsection
8 (a) in the budget submission of the President for fiscal
9 year 2010 and include its recommendations thereon in its
10 views and estimates made under section 301(d) of the
11 Congressional Budget Act of 1974 within 6 weeks of that
12 budget submission.

13 (c) ACTIONS BY THE COMMITTEES ON THE BUDG-
14 ET.—(1) The Committee on the Budget of the House of
15 Representatives and the Senate shall review the items in-
16 cluded pursuant to subsection (a) in the budget submis-
17 sion of the President for fiscal year 2010 and the rec-
18 ommendations submitted by the Committee on Appropria-
19 tions of its House pursuant to subsection (b) included in
20 its views and estimates made under section 301(d) of the
21 Congressional Budget Act of 1974.

22 (2) The report of the Committee on the Budget of
23 each House accompanying the concurrent resolution on
24 the budget for fiscal year 2010 and the joint explanatory
25 statement of managers accompanying such resolution shall

1 also include allocations to the Committee on Appropria-
2 tions of its House of total new budget authority and total
3 outlays (which shall be deemed to be made pursuant to
4 section 302(a) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974
5 for purposes of budget enforcement under section 302(f))
6 for fiscal year 2011 from which the Committee on Appro-
7 priations may report regular appropriation bills for fiscal
8 year 2010 that include funding for certain accounts for
9 each of fiscal years 2010 and 2011.

10 (3) The report of the Committee on the Budget of
11 each House accompanying the concurrent resolution on
12 the budget for fiscal year 2010 and the joint explanatory
13 statement of managers accompanying such resolution shall
14 also include the assumptions upon which such allocations
15 referred to in paragraph (2) are based.

16 (d) GAO PROGRAMMATIC OVERSIGHT ASSIST-
17 ANCE.—(1) During the first session of the 110th Congress
18 the committees of the House of Representatives and the
19 Senate are directed to work with the Comptroller General
20 of the United States to develop plans to transition pro-
21 gram authorizations to a multi-year schedule.

22 (2) During the 110th Congress, the Comptroller Gen-
23 eral of the United States will continue to provide assist-
24 ance to the Congress with respect to programmatic over-
25 sight and in particular will assist the committees of Con-

gress in designing and conforming programmatic oversight procedures for the fiscal year 2010–2011 biennium.

(e) CBO AUTHORIZATION REPORT.—On or before January 15, 2010, the Director of the Congressional Budget Office, after consultation with the appropriate committees of the House of Representatives and Senate, shall submit to the Congress a report listing (A) all programs and activities funded during fiscal year 2010 for which authorizations for appropriations have not been enacted for that fiscal year and (B) all programs and activities funded during fiscal year 2010 for which authorizations for appropriations will expire during that fiscal year, fiscal year 2011, or fiscal year 2012.

(f) PRESIDENT’S BUDGET SUBMISSION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2011.—The budget submission of the President pursuant to section 1105(a) of title 31, United States Code, for fiscal year 2011 shall include an evaluation of, and recommendations regarding, the transitional biennial budget process for the fiscal year 2010–2011 biennium that was carried out pursuant to this section.

(g) CBO TRANSITIONAL REPORT.—On or before March 31, 2010, the Director of the Congressional Budget Office shall submit to Congress an evaluation of, and recommendations regarding, the transitional biennial budget

1 process for the fiscal year 2010–2011 biennium that was
2 carried out pursuant to this section.

3 **SEC. 13. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

4 Except as provided by sections 8, 11, and 12, this
5 Act and the amendments made by it shall take effect on
6 January 1, 2011, and shall apply to budget resolutions
7 and appropriations for the biennium beginning with fiscal
8 year 2010.

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